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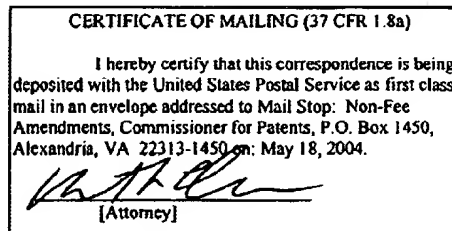
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : ALLEN, MARTIN W. et al
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FABRICATING A LOW POLARIZATION -MODE DISPERSION AND LOW
ATTENUATION OPTICAL FIBER

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of February 18, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.

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Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) or additional fees as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

Please direct any questions or comments to Robert L. Carlson at 607-974-3502.

Respectfully submitted,



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